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TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed January 30, 2004, in the abovereferenced patent application, the Applicants requested a telephone interview with the Examiner. The participation of the Examiner, Geoffrey R. Akers, in a telephone interview on February 17, 2004 is noted with appreciation.

In that interview, the Applicants' representatives, Joseph Dreher and Thomas Tillander, reiterated their view that the cited references, Egendorf, Melen and Ensel are related to various internet activities and are unrelated to configurable billing systems for a machine or for a document processor in particular. The claims were discussed in general terms.

The Examiner acknowledged the clarifying nature of the Applicants Amendment B (After Final), mailed December 15, 2003 and made particular reference to new claim 23. However, the Examiner said that a new search would be required and recommended the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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